

APPENDIX A
(clean version of Claim 22 and new Claims 23-26)

22. (Amended) A pressing apparatus for producing from a paperboard blank a food service paperboard container having an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a heating element embedded within a thermally conductive cast-in material to form a cast-in heater, the cast-in heater being removably positioned in the first die, and including at least one air tube extending through a hole in the cast-in heater and through a hole in the first die, the air tube communicating with the pressing surface of the first die.

23. (New) A pressing apparatus for producing a food service paperboard container from a paperboard blank, wherein the paperboard container has an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface and a recess with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed thereto;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface and a recess with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed thereto, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first

and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a cast-in heater mounted in either the first die or the second die, the cast-in heater being configured and mounted such that a surface of the cast-in heater is in surface-to-surface contact with a recessed heater mounting surface in proximity with and opposed to a curved forming surface of the apparatus.

24. (New) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein the cast-in heater has an annular shape.

25. (New) The pressing apparatus according to Claim 23, wherein at least one of the recesses of the dies has a peripheral wall extending away from the heater mounting surface of the recess and has a cast-in heater mounted in the recess in surface to surface contact with the peripheral wall of the recess.

26. (New) A pressing apparatus for producing a food service paperboard container from a paperboard blank, wherein the paperboard container has an overturned rim provided with folds, comprising:

a first die having a curved pressing surface;

a second die positioned in opposing relation to the first die and having a curved pressing surface, at least one of said first and second dies being movable relative to the other of the first and second dies to cause an outer periphery of a paperboard blank to be pressed between the curved pressing surface of the first die and the curved pressing surface of the second die; and

a cast-in heater mounted in either the first die or the second die, the cast-in heater having an annular shape.